## Senior FFA-FHA Students Talk To Junior Chapter FHA

What is FFA-FHA Camp? Teresa Cyrus and Robert Dyess know and now so do the members of the Junior Chapter, Future Homemakers of America.

The Junior Chapter held their monthly meeting in the Appomattox Middle School cafeteria on March 17, 1977. Cheryl Walton, 1st Vice President, introduced the guest speakers for the program. Teresa Cyrus who is President of the Senior Chapter, FHA and Vice President of the State Association, and Robert Dyess who is Vice President of the Senior Future Farmers of America, came to talk and show slides on FFA-FHA Camp. They told us what to look forward to at camp this summer. The meeting was then turned over to Sharon Taylor, President.

Dana White, Reporter

## "The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

There are a lot of indications of spring-March 20 has arrived which the calendar says is the first day of spring. Ernest Rogers has made his first planting of sweet corn, asparagus is making its earliest emergence ever and Kenneth Marston called to say he started planting corn last Thursday--then most people have started planting the home garden.

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As we approach corn planting season it's well to remind growers that a majority of the corn acreage will be planted during a two-week period. It is impossible for custom applicators to apply herbicieds on 5100 acres of corn in this time span.

At last count there were 21 herbicides or herbicide combinations that were recommended for corn in Virginia. This means that there are several alternatives: 1. Select a herbicide that can be applied as a preplant; 2. Select a herbicide that can be applied post-emergence; 3. Apply the herbicide with your own equipment; 4. The last choice really isn't a good one but cultivation is an alternative.

It's only natural to recognize that custom applicators will generally handle large accounts first; therefore, the smaller your corn acreage--the more important it is to choose an alternative.

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Several growers are seeding alfalfa--we feel that the variety to use is ARC, it's the only alfalfa for our area that's resistant to anthracnose. Just be sure to use a recommended herbicide.

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Beef cow-calf producers need to maximize calf weaning weights. One approach is to allow the calves to creep graze alfalfa or alfalfa-orchardgrass. The cows can be adequately fed on the lower quality fescue. Alfalfa takes a higher level of management, but better management can be learned, so don't decide not to grow alfalfa just because you never have. Calves grazing fescue will be 30 to 40 pounds lower in weight at weaning time.

Another important step is to implant the calf crop with Ralgro. The adfied weight will pay extra dividends over and above labor and costs of implants.

Grass is greening and if your pasture has the right kind of management it is well stocked with clover. The abundance of clover is an indication of high quality palatable food for livestock.

There are times when ruminant owners may want to graze legumes or pasture exceptionally high in clover and/or alfalfa. Legumes can be safely grazed if the animals have access to Poloxaline.

This material is available in blocks and other forms--read the label and follow directions. You do have the means of feeding high quality legumes directly to cattle and sheep--why not use it.

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Three red clover growers, Hix Brothers, Henry Pack and John Cole are making seedings of the new Kenstar variety. This new high yielding clover has the ability to stay in longer and should be a valuable addition. Hopefully growers will harvest a seed crop this fall.

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Corn growers will be without the 0.25% strychnine treated whole corn for control of corn sprout-pulling by blackbirds this year. EPA has cancelled the registration of this material Some trials using other materials will be put out as soon as corn planting begins in Westmoreland and Virginia Beach. The most promising material is 1% Avitrol on whole grain. The Tulsa based company says it will work and would sell for about the same as the strychnine treated grain.

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Forsythia is in bloom and this means that it's time to treat lawns in order to control weeds and grasses later in the year. There are a number of recommended herbicides--call or stop by for a copy of recommendations.

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**PRECIPITATION**

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| LAST WEEK | 1.48 |
| THIS MONTH | 2.53 |
| THIS YEAR | 5.31 |

## ROCKS

Rocks- March 21 - Farmers were busy plowing and sowing oats last week. It was frosty here this a.m.

A large number from here attended the circus in Richmond last Satfrday.

On account of sickness last Wednesday, no one attended W. M. U. meeting in Richmond.

It's good to hear Randall Wooldridge and Rosa Mae Abbit returned home from the hospital last week. Hope they may have a speedy recovery.

Sorry to hear Nannie Doog returned back to the hospital Sunday for surgery on Monday (today) May she have a very speedy recovery.

We exceeded our Annie Armstrong offering goal for Home Missions by more than $50.00

A number came out on Saturday to help with whatever was needed to be done.

A study of the book of Romans will begin on Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ranson of Farmville were dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ranson on Sunday.

The children and Young People choirs got back in their place Sunday night. The music adds much to the service. Parents can do much to help by bringing them out.

The children had to go to school Saturday to make up lost time during the snow.

Mrs. Evelyn Almond and grandson, Rick were in Lynchburg on Saturday.

Vester Garrett is doing much better now. Hope he continues.

The Burnes couple who moved to Pamplin in the old Post Office from Norfolk have moved to their new home off of 460 on Rt. 1, Rd. 633 in Pamplin, Va.

Cindy & Debbie Roach were among the 45 students attending the FBLA Convention at Longwood College on March 5th.

L. L. Stewart is back at his home after spending awhile with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond of Appomattox.

Many were doing some gardening last week.

If you wish to join the night circle, come on out Tuesday night and get organized.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Almond got a new car recently.

Sorry to hear Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Rout are still on the sick list.

Congratulations to Zave Hamlin who was made Grandpa last week.

Mary Ann Lewis and Evelyn Almond are co-librarians at Rocks church now.

## BECKHAM

Beckham - March 21 - Mrs. Clyde Moore spent last week with Mr. H. O. Martin and Emory Martin.

Mrs. Mabel Franklin of The Williams Home in Lynchburg spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin. Sunday dinner guests in this home were Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin, Mrs. Gertrude Burge, Mr. Ricky Burge, Miss Dawn Paulette, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tweedy, Michelle and Tracey Tweedy, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Jamerson and Shannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burge visited Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Tolley of Big Island Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schmutz, Jennifer and Edward visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris and Melanie Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Miss Eunice Martin and Mrs. S. G. Martin, also Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Martin, Mrs. O. W. Martin, Gregg Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Juston Morris, Mr. and Mrs. David Martin and Mr. Abner Martin were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin and Mrs. Gertrude Burge visited Mr. and Mrs. Eural Martin and Don Martin Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin, A. C., Michael and Edward visited Mr. and Mrs. Stoner Oglesby Sunday.

Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Miss Eunice Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore and Timmy Moore visited Mrs. Mundy Moore Sunday afternoon, honoring her on her birthday.

THE SPOUT SPRING RURITAN CLUB held its regular meeting March 14th at Maudes Restaurant. Guest speaker for the evening was Warren Taylor of the Virginia Forestry Division. He spoke to members on "What The Forestry Department Would Do For You, If You Ask." Shown above, left to right, are Haywood Nuckles, President of the Club; Warren Taylor, and Bob Williamson, Program Chairman.

## OF INTEREST TO VETERANS

**Income Tax Exemption On Veterans Benefits**

As the nation's taxpayers ponder the new federal income tax returns, the Veterans Administration reminds recipients of veterans benefits that these payments generally are exempt from taxation.

Major tax-exempt VA benefits are compensation, pension and educational assistance. The latter includes subsistence payments to vocational rehabilitation trainees. These monthly payments need not be reported on federal income tax returns.

Also exempt are VA grants to military service - disabled veterans for specially adapted homes and automobiles and clothing allowances paid to service-disabled veterans whose usage of prosthetic or orthopedic appliances result in undue wear and tear on clothing.

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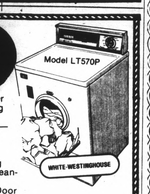


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## PREPARING EQUIPMENT FOR SPRING PLANTING

By E. P. Jordan
Extension Agent

There's nothing more frustrating than a broken piece of equipment when it's time to begin spring work - - especially during one of the few nice days you've had for weeks. But. it is even worse if the breakdown is your own fault and could have been prevented by pre-season preparation of your machinery. Spending a few hours checking your equipment and making repairs before it's time to start work, could save hours or even days of downtime during spring planting. Careful preparation also helps insure more efficient planting, more seed saved per acre and longer machine life.

Your equipment operation manual is your best source of information on servicing, maintenance, adjustment and repairs. Keep it with the machine. Review it thoroughly before each planting season. Refer to it any time you have operating problems or questions about operation.

Use of proper oils and lubricants at recommended intervals provide low-cost insurance against many machine problems. Neglecting lubrication or oil changes because of cost or because "it takes too much time" is false economy. The time you spend replacing just one bearing that failed because of inadequate lubrication could easily pay for all the oil and grease you would use for several years - - and the time to apply it. Check your machine preparation procedure against the following list, then refer to your operation manual for specific details.

**Engine check-up**

A smooth running engine producing full horsepower improves machine efficiency and helps keep machinery on schedule. Proper engine operation also means one less item for you to worry about during hectic planting days. You can concentrate on obtaining maximum machine output instead of wondering if the engine will hold up for another round, acre or day.

With today's precision-tolerance diesel engines the statement stamped on fuel tank caps for years, "Buy Clean Fuel - - Keep it Clean," is more important than ever. Dirt can ruin tiny nozzles and water can quickly ruin an expensive injector pump. So, always keep fuel tanks clean and avoid getting dirt into fuel when refilling. Arrange with your oil man to keep fuel storage tanks full to help reduce condensation in the tanks due to temperature changes. And ask him for fuel filters that remove dirt and water from fuel before it enters the fuel tanks of your machinery.

**Maintenance Checklist**

Before starting planting, check the following:

- Check and inspect air cleaner - check hoses and connections for breaks or leaks; replace dry air cleaner elements if there are any holes or cracks.
- Lubricate the distributor and generator or alternator as recommended.
- Clean or replace fuel filters; clean sediment bowls; drain any accumulated water from fuel tank; fill tank with proper grade and clean fuel.
- Check coolant level in radiator - replace antifreeze if it appears dirty or rusty; add sufficient antifreeze for expected minimum temperatures.
- Clean accumulated dirt and trash from outside of radiator.
- Check coolant hoses, connections and drain cock for leaks or seepage.
- Check fan belt condition and tension. Replace if badly cracked, raveled or worn.
- Check and clean rotary air intake screen and drive belt.
- Check water level in battery - fill with distilled water or clean rain water.
- Clean corrosion from battery with baking soda - water mixture; coat terminal with grease to prevent future corrosion.
- Visually inspect wires and connections - realign or shield wires from rubbing on frame or sharp edges, replace frayed or broken wires; tighten loose connections.
- Start engine and bring to operating temperature - stop engine and drain crankcase oil; refill with recommended oil for anticipated operation.
- Check throttle linkage and carburetor or injector pump setting.
- Check governed engine speed with a good tachometer; see your operation's manual for recommended speed.

The hydraulic system, drive train and belts, chains and other types of bearings and rollers need to be closely inspected and serviced also. The pieces of agricultural equipment that will be used for planting this spring need a very close look according to your operating and maintenance instructions. There is no substitute for preventive maintenance. The most important part of a good maintenance system - - especially expensive pieces of agricultural equipment - - is knowing what good preventive maintenance is. Check and double check machinery and follow manufacturer's recommended procedures. There is so much more to checking and servicing agricultural equipment than can be presented here; therefore, a close check and continuous monitoring of gauges will pay many dividends in preventing costly breakdowns.

## 'The Pride of '77'

By Kim Ferguson

This year will be one to remember. At least it will be for the seniors at Appomattox County High. There are many reasons for this being such an exceptionally great year.

The Class of 1977 is extremely different from their predessors, last year. Naturally, the seniors this year think they surpass last year's graduating class, which is no surprise. However, it is because of the outstanding members in the class that it is so.

The senior class has had a lot of readjusting to do this year, with the change in administration, along with the other classes. But, it has been a bit more difficult for the seniors than it has the others. Many of last year's "privileges" were not brought back with the new school year, and even though these "privileges" weren't of major importance it did cause a stir. But the seniors overcame this hurdle and went on to tackle bigger obstacles.

Raising money for the senior trip to Atlanta, Georgia has kept the entire class busy. Many of last year's activities were cancelled this year because of several reasons - most of which were in the interest of the community.

This hasn't hindered them in the least. Extra determination and endeavor has been shown by most. A lot of work is being put forth to help make the activities available, successful.

The parents of the seniors sponsored a raffle for an afghan made by David Bryant, a senior. This was something new and it prove to be a success. Plans are underway for the Second Annual Mess America Pageant. And, the lightbulb sales went over very well with the community.

Aside from money-raising projects, many seniors have been involved in other activities that have brought not only personal gain but also recognition for ACHS. This year, seniors have shown their concern and ability in sports, academics and club participation as well as community service.

The success of this class has depended immensely on the community of Appomattox County. For the concern and interest and support so graciously shown and given, the Class of 1977 would like to express their sincere appreciation.

## Local Man In Training Exercises

MARCH 8 - Navy Hospital Corpsman Second Class Neal N. Cabaniss, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cabaniss of Rt. 4, Appomattox, Va., was a member of a naval task group which participated in training exercises near Brindisi, Italy.

He is serving as a crewmember aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Guam, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

The task group is composed of four other amphibious ships which together have a complete Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) embarked.

As it was said previously, this year's class is different from most of last year. Unity has flourished a great deal since September, and will continue to draw the entire class together. The seniors are proud of this unity. Last year's seniors were known as "The Spirit of '76". This year th 197 graduating class will be known and remembered as "The Pride of 77."

The training included various seamanship exercises, conferences, aircraft maintenance, and other administrative training. Marines of the 34th MAU, embarked aboard the Guam, conducted training manuevers ashore.

He and his shipmates also had the opportunity to visit Mobasa, Kenya; Alexandria, Egypt; Naples, Italy; Barcelona, Spain; and is scheduled to visit Cannes, France.

A graduate of Appomattox County High School, he joined the Navy in February 1973.

## Virginia Fibre Reports Wood Purchases For Week

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation in Riverville for the week ending March 18, 1977. Purchases are listed by county for reader's information.

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| Albermarle | $1,110.26 |
| Amelia | 2,897.42 |
| Amherst | 5,622.32 |
| Appomattox | 9,817.18 |
| Augusta | 114.38 |
| Bedford - County | 2,721.34 |
| Buckingham | 13,384.25 |
| Campbell | 5,887.54 |
| Cumberland | 2,994.53 |
| Lunenburg | 3,520.85 |
| Nelson | 11,504.95 |
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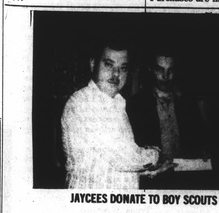
| Prince William | 796.07 |

We trust this information will be of interest to our readers.



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